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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECTION 61.45(d)
OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, DECLARATORY RULING TO TREAT END USER COMMON
LINE SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS AS EXOGENOUS COSTS**

WC Docket No. 05-175

COMMENTS: May 16, 2005

REPLY COMMENTS: May 26, 2005

On April 13, 2005, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., on behalf of itself and its wholly owned subsidiaries; Cincinnati Bell telephone Company; SBC Services Inc., on behalf of Pacific Bell telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., Nevada Bell Telephone Company, and the Ameritech Operating Companies; Qwest Services Corporation; Sprint Incumbent Local Exchange Companies; and Verizon (collectively "Joint Petitioners") filed a petition for waiver of section 61.45(d) or, in the alternative, a declaratory ruling to permit the Joint Petitioners to treat end user common line settlement payments to independent payphone service providers as exogenous costs.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, interested parties may file comments on or before May 16, 2005 and reply comments on or before May 26, 2005. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.¹ Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number, in this case, **WC Docket No. 05-175**. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). **Parties are strongly encouraged to file comments electronically using the Commission's ECFS.**

¹ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002.

- The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners.
- Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Room TW-A325, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should also send a copy of their filings to Jon Stover, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 5-A346, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554, or by e-mail to Jon.Stover@fcc.gov. Parties shall also serve one copy with the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 488-5300, or via e-mail to fcc@bcpiweb.com.

The petition for waiver and comments filed by participating parties will be available for review through the ECFS and will be available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, TTY (202) 488-5562, or by e-mail at fcc@bcpiweb.com.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.² Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one- or two-sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.³ Other requirements pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁴

For further information, contact Jon Stover of the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-0390.

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²47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.*

³See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁴47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).